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FOR CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PK, AF

SUBJ: AFGHAN REQUEST FOR GOOD OFFICES

REF: KABUL 6119

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO USED OCCASION OF CALL AUGUST 17 BY PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR SULTAN KHAN TO NOTE OUR CONCERN OVER IMPLICATIONS FOR PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS IN ARREST OF BALUCHI LEADERS. AFTER INFORMING HIM OF AFGHAN PRESIDENT'S DAUD'S REQUEST THAT WE PROVIDE "GOOD OFFICES" SISCO MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. WE HAVE NO DESIRE GET IN MIDDLE ON THIS MATTER, BUT WE HAVE
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OFTEN DISCUSSED WITH PAKISTAN OUR MUTUAL CONCERNS OVER POTENTIAL

DESTABILIZING EFFECTS OF POOR RELATIONS BETWEEN KABUL AND ISLAMABAD.

B. OUR TENTATIVE AND PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT IS THAT DAUD'S PUBLIC POSITION ON PUSHTUNISTAN MAY BE IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURES FROM YOUNGER OFFICERS. WE WOULD WELCOME GOP VIEWS ON THIS ASSESSMENT.

C. IN THIS CLIMATE PAKISTAN MAY WANT TO CONSIDER EFFECT ARRESTS MIGHT HAVE ON PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS. PERHAPS SOME WAY MIGHT BE FOUND FOR GOP TO REASSURE DAUD OF PAK DESIRE FOR GOOD RELATIONS. IT ALSO IMPORTANT AVOID GIVING AFGHANS ANY PRETEXT FOR EXACERBATING SITUATION.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO INFORM GOP IN ISLAMABAD, AT LEVEL IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE, OF AFGHAN APPROACH, DRAWING ON FOREGOING. FOR PRESENT, WE DO NOT PLAN GO BEYOND THESE REPRESENTATIONS BUT WILL KEEP POSITION UNDER REVIEW. ROGERS

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